

TOWN AND COUNTRY IN BRIEF

Local Events of The Past Week Recorded For Busy Blade Readers.

See the new wool dress goods at Lomax's.

Dr. Pratt, optician, at the Anderson house Thursday, Jan. 20.

Who has "The Honorable Peter Stirling?" Please bring it home.

Ringler-Donovan concerters at opera house next Wednesday night.

J. W. Lomax & Co. have just received a fine new line of wool dress goods.

Eyes tested free by Dr. Pratt Thursday, January 20, at the Anderson house.

Persons knowing themselves in account with me please call and settle. John L. Burke.

S. Bassett, who recently sold his farm on route three, will hold a public sale next Tuesday.

Buy \$5.00 worth of groceries at The Model and get 20 pounds of granulated sugar for \$1.00.

The best painters in town use the only strictly pure paint—Mound City Co.'s Horse Shoe brand. W. R. Barton.

The Knights and Ladies of Security held an oyster supper for the lodge membership at their hall last Saturday evening.

A pie social held at the Bruner school house on Friday night of last week was attended by a large crowd and was a very enjoyable affair.

The new officers for Amana lodge of Odd Fellows were installed on Tuesday night of last week by District Deputy Harry Symons of Linneus.

Regular meeting of the Modern Brotherhood this evening. Candidates to be adopted and officers to be installed. Let every member be present.

Both the distant and reading in one lens without cracks or lines for sale by Dr. Pratt, the optician, at the Anderson house, Thursday, January 20.

Don't hide your money in your stocking. Fires and burglaries are every-day occurrences. Deposit your money with Allen-Benson Banking Co. for safety.

Mrs. Catherine Fruin and children have returned from St. Louis and will again make their home on the Fruin ranch southwest of Laclede. Mrs. Fruin's brother, Wm. Hawthorne, also of St. Louis, will be manager of the farm.

Often The Kidneys Are Weakened by Over-Work.

Unhealthy Kidneys Make Impure Blood.

Weak and unhealthy kidneys are responsible for much sickness and suffering, therefore, if kidney trouble is permitted to continue, serious results are most likely to follow. Your other organs may need attention, but your kidneys most, because they do most and should have attention first. Therefore, when your kidneys are weak or out of order, you can understand how quickly your entire body is affected and how every organ seems to fail to do its duty.

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High School Items

Watch for the date of the play to be given by the Witanians.

The senior class took a very enjoyable sleigh ride Monday evening.

The sophomores are preparing to give their annual play in a short time.

Miss Blanche Adams of the senior class is absent on account of sickness.

County Commissioner Joyce was a visitor in the high school Monday morning.

Mrs. Rose Beswick, a former teacher in our school, was a pleasant visitor Monday.

C. S. Welsh gave the agriculture class an interesting talk on "How to Raise Fruit Trees" Friday.

The high school pupils are very anxious for the university inspector to come and to have our school approved.

Some very interesting talks were given at the teachers' association last Saturday. Not as many teachers were present as were expected. A number of the high school students attended. SENIORS.

Financial Success of First Year

Missouri has now had a republican administration for one year, and it will be of interest to all the people of the state, and particularly to the democrats, who have for years talked so much about the state's finances, to know that at the close of one year of republican administration the state's finances are in a better condition than they have been in a quarter of a century. And this is true notwithstanding the fact that when Governor Hadley went into office he found a million dollars in unpaid obligations which had been accumulating during the forty years of democratic administration.

This was not the result of mismanagement of the state's finances on the part of Governor Hadley's immediate predecessor, Governor Folk. For instance, Governor Stone bequeathed to his successor, Lon V. Stephens, a deficiency of \$357,000, and so it has gone from one administration to the next.

The present governor did not believe in transmitting a debt to his successor, and so he took hold of the work of straightening out the state's finances. Through executive orders of the excise commissioner in St. Louis, the county court in Jackson county and other counties of the state, saloon licenses were, at the request of the governor, increased so as to bring an addition from this source of revenue of over \$600,000 during this biennial period into the state treasury.

At the request of the governor the old system of coal oil inspectorships was abolished, doing away with 150 useless officers, who brought no revenue into the state treasury, with the result that the coal oil inspection department will turn in between \$250,000 and \$300,000 during this biennial period. With \$100,000 more which the Missouri Pacific railway company paid in as an incorporation fee, the balance was again placed upon the right side of the financial ledger, all the state's obligations met, and the first year of a republican administration closes with over \$400,000 in the general revenue fund and nearly \$1,500,000 in the state depositories drawing interest at 3½ per cent. This result has been accomplished without adding one cent of burden to the taxpayers of the state.

In view of this record, how insignificant and petty are the charges of extravagance made by democratic politicians because the legislature appropriated a few dollars more for running the executive mansion than it did while Stone was governor.

Perfection coal oil 10 cents per gallon at J. B. Patrick's.

RICH PROFITS IN HIS DAIRY COWS

An Adair County Farmer Shows How to Make Money—Keep the Good Milkers

Ten cows belonging to Carl Gherke, a farmer four miles southeast of Kirksville, gave 450,000 pounds of milk last year. From this 2,664 pounds of butter were made, which brought the owner of the cows \$821.09. The cows consumed \$407.31 worth of feed during the year, leaving Mr. Gherke a net profit of \$413.78.

Enough butter, cream and milk were taken out of this amount to supply a family of four people and the skimmed milk brought enough to pay for the labor in caring for the cows and making the butter.

Mr. Gherke says he had only eight cows during the summer and that four of the total ten were only two-year-old heifers. He has been keeping accurate tab on his cows for several years and knows every item of expense and income from them.

"We Missourians," he said, have not come to realize the value of good cows yet. Up in Wisconsin and some of the northern states the farmer tries to support his cows, knowing that the cow will support him and his family. As the soil of this state gets poorer from over-cultivation, like that of Germany, we will have to turn to dairying. We can still reap ten pounds or more where we planted one pound, but in Germany they cannot get more than four to one, and that by fertilizing. With good cows we can save the soil."

Slogans

Slogans are great things.

Our country was born with the slogan, "Taxation without representation." It was saved with "I propose to fight it out along this line if it takes all summer," and Spain will never forget what happened when our boys took up the cry, "Remember the Maine."

So it is in business. "Let the Gold Dust Twins do your work," and "You press the button, we do the rest," are a potent sales force throughout the land.

And it was a slogan that started the republican landslide in 1908 in Missouri. Walter S. Dickey, when elected republican state chairman, pulled off his coat and shouted, "Get Busy—Let's Win." The cry was taken up in every voting precinct in every county in the state. Everybody got busy, and a great victory was won. Chairman Dickey is now out with the slogan, "Keep Busy—Win Again." This forecasts a vigorous campaign next fall.

Education of Convicts

Educating penitentiary prisoners is one of the reforms now growing in favor. In our state prison one noble man, a watchman in one of the cell houses, is doing, voluntarily, a work of vast importance. He furnishes text books to prisoners willing to study, gives them lessons to learn and then hears them recite at the doors of their cells in the evening. He has taught a number of illiterate convicts to read and write. One of his methods is unique. He has a portable blackboard, adjusted to the railing that runs along the galleries in front of the cells. He pushes it from cell to cell, stopping in front of the cell doors. Light is thrown on the board so the cell occupants can see plainly the lessons upon it. In this practical way he has provided a school room facility to all of the prisoners willing to be instructed. Warden Andrae has encouraged his good work and a score of convicts are deriving education from it. His simple, sensible and unselfish work is apt to lead to some provision for instructing convicts during their cell hours.

Worn Women

Women, worn and tired from overwork, need a tonic. That feeling of weakness or helplessness will not leave you of itself. You should take Wine of Cardui, that effectual remedy for the ailments and weaknesses of women. Thousands of women have tried Cardui and write enthusiastically of the great benefit it has been to them. Try it—don't experiment—use this reliable, oft-tried medicine.

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